

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Chow Chow

*Canis lupus familiaris*

The Chow Chow is a distinctive dog breed known for its lion-like mane, sturdy build, and deep-set almond eyes. This ancient breed originated in northern China and is recognized for its aloof yet loyal nature.

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Canidae

**Habitat:** Domestic

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 9-15 years

**Weight:** 20-32 kg (44-70 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Canis lupus familiaris*

### Did you know?

- The ancient Chinese used Chow Chows as temple guards, hunting dogs, and even sled pullers—showcasing their versatility and strength.
- Chow Chows have a unique blue-black tongue, a trait shared by only a few other animals. They are one of the oldest dog breeds, with origins tracing back to ancient China.

### What I learned

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